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SUBJECT: EXBS: TURKEY ADVISORS MONTHLY REPORT- (OCTOBER 2009)

¶1. Summary: The EXBS Team and PMA Counselor met with the Director General of Customs Enforcement to discuss a shipment of concern (see Ankara Cables 1434,1438 and 1448), DOE/INECP conducted pre-deployment training of the XRF metal analysis device for Turkish Customs Officers. Additionally, INECP conducted a Commodity Identification Training (CIT) Exchange seminar with representatives from the Turkish Atomic Energy Authority (TAEK), and Customs Enforcement Officers and discussed the current status of the CIT program in Turkey. The EXBS Team finalized all logistical preparations for escorting 24 Turkish Customs Officers to RADACAD and IBIT training in the US in November. END OF SUMMARY.

¶2. Completed Actions for the Reporting Period:

¶A. Meetings during the Reporting Period by EXBS Advisory Team:

¶1. (U) October 6 - The EXBS team participated in a meeting with the Pol-Mil Counselor and the Director General for Customs Enforcement to discuss a shipment of concern. (See Ankara Cables 1434, 1438, 1448, 1509 and 1523). The DG indicated he would take appropriate action under the laws and agreements enforced by Turkey.

¶2. (U) October 20 - A reception was hosted by the DCM in honor of the new Deputy Counselor for Pol-Mil Affairs Kami Witmer and EXBS Advisor Bob Hessler. Several representatives of the host government, the diplomatic community, and both Turkish and American military attended. The event provided opportunities for introductions and informal exchanges concerning EXBS related functions and activities.

¶3. (U) October 22 - EXBS met with Mehmet Guzel, the Deputy Director General for Customs Enforcement to transfer the seven XRF units donated by DOE, INECP. During this meeting the EXBS Advisor requested permission to visit the Customs Gates at Gurbulak and Hopa during the month of November. The Deputy DG indicated he thought the visit would be beneficial to both Turkish Customs and the EXBS program and suggested we pursue approval of the visit through the MFA. Based on this meeting, a Diplomatic Note was prepared and delivered to the MFA to request authorization for the visit.

1B. Training Conducted During the Period:

1) (U) A training team from DOE/INECP conducted pre-deployment training on the INNOV X X-Ray Fluorescence device, (XRF) for 24 Turkish Customs Officers October 13-15. The session provided training on the use of the device in detecting metals and dual use metal components that may be used in the manufacture of WMD's, nuclear fuel enrichment, or other high tech manufacturing processes. The training included a brief overview of dual use commodities, radiation safety, and hands on, step by step training on the use of the XRF device.

2) (U) On October 16, the DOE/INECP training team also conducted a Commodity Identification Training (CIT) Exchange seminar with representatives of TAEK, and Turkish Customs Enforcement and discussed Turkey's progress in disseminating CIT to its field officers. Additionally, the DOE team demonstrated the use of the internet-based and accessible eCIT data base, and their web-based eRoom file sharing site. DOE/INECP offered to provide Turkish Customs and TAEK with access to both systems to assist them in their CIT program. The representatives from TAEK advised that such an offer needed to be submitted to higher management levels within both the MFA and TAEK, but indicated they look forward to accessing the systems should their management approve.

1C. (U) Equipment Delivered During this Period: DOE/INECP delivered 7 INNOV-X, X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) devices to Turkish Customs following operator certification training. The formal grant documents and physical transfer of the

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devices were completed by the EXBS team October 22.

1D. (U) Imminent Training or Equipment Status: The EXBS team has completed all logistics for escorting 24 Turkish Customs Officers to Radiation Academy (RADACAD) training November 2-6, in Richland, Washington, and International Border Interdiction Training (IBIT) November 9-13, in McAllen, Texas.

1E. (U) Significant Developments in Export Controls, Nonproliferation, or Related Border Security: Please see Ankara Cables 1434, 1438, 1448, 1509, and 1523)

13. (U) Future Activities: The EXBS team has been advised by DOE, Second Line of Defense that they intend to upgrade the Radio Isotope Identifying Devices (RIID's) that they had provided to Turkish National Police (TNP) in 2008. Their intent is to ship new models with the upgrades, and then trade them with the GOT for the older models. EXBS will act as the POC for the exchange.

14. Red Flag Issues: None

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